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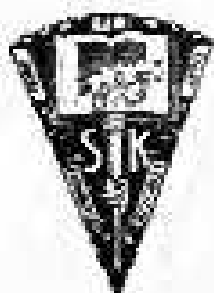


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INDULGENT FRIEND, THIS BOOK  
IS AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED.



## Preface.



**W**HAT of a personal regard for that most patient, long-suffering body of people in the world, the American public, I have been at some pains to remove all of the dialect from this simple tale that I could justify myself in doing. Everything difficult or obscure which naturally belongs to it, is safe in my waste-basket. And I have thus carefully prepared this expunged edition that the wayfaring man, though a fool, might not err therein.

Certain curious isolated cases of capacity amounting almost to genius, and of vice amounting almost to insanity, can only be explained by atavism. Aside from this, however, in attempting to portray the character of Mag, I have been led by the cry of the inarticulate,